



**Figure 2.** Sun Visor Label Visible When Visor is in Up Position.

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## PART 576—RECORD RETENTION

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**AUTHORITY:** 49 U.S.C. 30112, 30115, 30117–121, 30166–167; delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.50.

**SOURCE:** 39 FR 30045, Aug. 20, 1974, unless otherwise noted.

**EDITORIAL NOTE:** For an interpretation document regarding part 576, see 40 FR 3296, Jan. 21, 1975.

### § 576.1 Scope.

This part establishes requirements for the retention by motor vehicle manufacturers of complaints, reports, and other records concerning motor vehicle malfunctions that may be related to motor vehicle safety.

### § 576.2 Purpose.

The purpose of this part is to preserve records that are needed for the proper investigation, and adjudication or other disposition, of possible defects related to motor vehicle safety and instances of nonconformity to the motor vehicle safety standards and associated regulations.

### § 576.3 Application.

This part applies to all manufacturers of motor vehicles, with respect to

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all records generated or acquired after August 15, 1969.

### § 576.4 Definitions.

All terms in this part that are defined in the Act are used as defined therein.

### § 576.5 Basic requirements.

Each manufacturer of motor vehicles shall retain as specified in § 576.7 all records described in § 576.6 for a period of five years from the date on which they were generated or acquired by the manufacturer.

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### § 576.6 Records.

Records to be retained by manufacturers under this part include all documentary materials, films, tapes, and other information-storing media that contain information concerning malfunctions that may be related to motor vehicle safety. Such records include, but are not limited to, communications from vehicle users and memoranda of user complaints; reports and other documents, including material generated or communicated by computer, telefax or other electronic means, that are related to work performed under, or claims made under, warranties; service reports or similar documents, including electronic transmissions, from dealers or manufacturer's field personnel; and any lists, compilations, analyses, or discussions of such malfunctions contained in internal or external correspondence of the manufacturer, including communications transmitted electronically.

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### § 576.7 Retention.

Duplicate copies need not be retained. Information may be reproduced or transferred from one storage medium to another (e.g., from paper files to microfilm) as long as no information is lost in the reproduction or transfer, and when so reproduced or transferred the original form may be treated as a duplicate.

### § 576.8 Malfunctions covered.

For purposes of this part, "malfunctions that may be related to motor ve-

hicle safety" shall include, with respect to a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment, any failure or malfunction beyond normal deterioration in use, or any failure of performance, or any flaw or unintended deviation from design specifications, that could in any reasonably foreseeable manner be a causative factor in, or aggravate, an accident or an injury to a person.

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AUTHORITY: 49 U.S.C. 30102-103, 30112, 30115, 30117-121, 30166-167; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 49 CFR 501.8.

SOURCE: 41 FR 56816, Dec. 30, 1976, unless otherwise noted.

### § 577.1 Scope.

This part sets forth requirements for notification to owners of motor vehicles and replacement equipment about the possibility of a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety or a non-compliance with a Federal motor vehicle safety standard.

### § 577.2 Purpose.

The purpose of this part is to ensure that notifications of defects or non-compliances adequately inform and effectively motivate owners of potentially defective or noncomplying motor vehicles or items of replacement equipment to have such vehicles or equipment inspected and, where necessary, remedied as quickly as possible.

### § 577.3 Application.

This part applies to manufacturers of complete motor vehicles, incomplete